

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Kenji KOBAYASHI	)	Confirmation No.: 3932
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Application No.: 10/588,953	)	Group Art Unit: 3677
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Filed: June 1, 2007	)	Examiner: Lavinder, Jack W.
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For: BINDING PIECE AND BINDING	)	<b>Mail Stop Amendment</b>
APPARATUS	)	

Commissioner of Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND**  
**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated July 23, 2009, the period of response to which extending through October 23, 2009, please amend the above identified application as follows: